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Title:	COMPOSITE BUILDING BLOCK WITH CONNECTIVE STRUCTURE	Group Art Unit: 3637

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) due, which includes an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicant has the following comments on this statement.

The statement with reference to claims 2-4, 6-15, 38 and 40-41 refers to what the Obino reference does not show. Applicant submits that in addition to Obino, no other prior art shows the block unit comprising the combinations of elements claimed in these allowed claims.

The statement with reference to claims 2-4, 6-15, 38 and 40-41 also refers to the fact that the prior art does not "provide sufficient motivation to modify Obino to show the block unit having a center form with arms projecting outwardly from each of the opposed sides of the center forms in combination with other claimed limitations." This statement is applicable to claims 2 and 15 and claims dependent thereon and to claim 8 dependent on claim 6. However, claim 6 and the claims dependent thereon, except for claim 8, do not recite a "center form." The combination of elements in these claims is distinguishable over the prior art for other reasons set forth in the statement.

The statement with reference to claims 18-20 and 24 says, in part:

“two end arms projecting outwardly from each side of the center form and substantially perpendicular from the center from, both ends of the each end having a connector, . . .”

To conform to the language of claim 18 as allowed, it is presumed this should read:

“two end arms projecting outwardly from each side of the center form and substantially perpendicularly from the center form, both ends of [the] each end arm having a connector, . . .”

Respectfully submitted,

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